

**NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL COUGAR SEASON
IN THE 2019-2020 UTAH COUGAR PROCLAMATION
OF THE WILDLIFE BOARD FOR THE TAKING
OF COUGAR**

I, Michal D. Fowlks, pursuant to Section 23-16-10 of the Wildlife Resources Code of Utah, open a "spot and stalk" cougar hunting season for Fall 2020 with the following restrictions:

- The cougar permit is restricted to "spot and stalk" hunting only — dog may not be used to pursue or harvest a cougar under this permit.
- Season dates shall open on August 1, 2020 and close on December 31, 2020.
- A hunter may use any legal weapon to harvest a cougar with a "spot and stalk" permit.
- "Spot and stalk" cougar permits may be purchased for a fee of \$30 at any Utah Division of Wildlife Resources office, license agent or online.
- A hunter may only purchase one "spot and stalk" cougar permit and may only harvest one cougar with the permit.
- A hunter may acquire one additional cougar permit of any kind (e.g. harvest objective or limited entry), in addition to a "spot and stalk" cougar permit.
- The "spot and stalk" cougar permit is valid on any unit listed in the current Cougar Guidebook approved by the Utah Wildlife Board.
- The three-day waiting period to begin hunting is waived for this "spot and stalk" cougar permit.
- Cougars harvested during this "spot and stalk" season, using a "spot and stalk" permit, will not be counted toward unit quotas.
- A hunter must report and check-in any cougar harvested to a Utah Division of Wildlife Resources office within 72 hours of harvest.

Hunters must follow all other laws governing license and permit eligibility and the take of cougar. Drought and heavy winter conditions in 2017 through 2019 resulted in significant declines in mule deer populations. On certain units, mule deer population recovery has been impeded by high cougar populations. This additional cougar season is necessary to comply with statutory requirements to provide additional cougar hunting opportunities during fall big game hunting seasons and to take actions that support mule deer population recovery.

This change is effective immediately.

UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

By *Michal Fowlks*
Michal D. Fowlks, Director

Date 7-16-2020

State of Utah)

) s.s.

County of Salt Lake)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16 day of July 2020.

Paige Wiren
Notary

My Commission Expires: 7/23/2024

